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RE: ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI
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JAMES P. CANTILLON, Suite 438, 9441 Wilshire Blvd.,
Beverly Hills, California, interviewed today by SAs [redacted]
and [redacted]. He is in partnership with
his father and brother in what appears to be an affluent
practice. JAMES CANTILLON has represented [redacted]

CANTILLON said his first knowledge of this matter
came with a phone call to him from a man in custody at
Las Vegas. He claimed inability to recall the man's name
and said he had never before heard of him. Given the name
ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI, CANTILLON acknowledged that that was
probably correct, but he advised he had no knowledge of
BALLETTI prior to the call which came, he said, from the
office of a Lieutenant in either the Clark County SO or

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at the Las Vegas City Jail. He declined to relate any of the conversation with BALLETTI claiming privilege. He did say he referred the caller to Attorney TOM FOLEY in Las Vegas and that he then phoned FOLEY about the matter. He believes he talked to FOLEY regarding this a week later in person at Las Vegas while there on unrelated business. \

CANTILLON volunteered that he had thought the case against BALLETTI involved simply a microphone installation rather than a telephone tap. He said he never did learn the disposition of the case but did hear from FOLEY that charges had been reduced and that authorities in Las Vegas had kept BALLETTI's equipment. He maintained he does not know DAN ROWAN. When first called from Las Vegas he thought BALLETTI was referring to another ROWAN, one of the casino owners in Las Vegas and the thought struck him "Boy he must have some jicy tapes." u

CANTILLON said he knows ROBERT MAHUE and he admittedly sees MAHUE in Beverly Hills. He denied phoning or otherwise contacting MAHUE in Washington, D.C. or elsewhere to ask for men to perform surveillance of DAN ROWAN or for any other purpose having to do with this matter. He denied knowing any person named J. W. HARRISON. u

When advised that there is a good chance he will be subpoenaed before the FGJ in Las Vegas relative to this matter, CANTILLON said that that would be all right that he is frequently in Las Vegas on certain legal business having to do with settlement of the Stardust Hotel suit. He guessed the FGJ would be in session during March which he said would not be inconvenient to him. u

b7c Report by SA [REDACTED] incorporating above to follow. u